

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*At page 7, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 35, with the following:*

Figs. 2 and 3 thus illustrate examples of devices capable of manufacturing the packaging laminate of the present invention. These devices 200 and 200a each consists of a vacuum chamber 202 including the plasma process zone 201, a pump 204 connected to the chamber 202 and means of introducing the precursor gas mixture into the chamber, a drum 203 for passing the plastics substrate film through the vacuum chamber and facilitating vapor-deposition of the oxide onto the substrate film, an unwinding roll 206 for feeding the substrate film to the vacuum chamber 202 and a rewinding roll 208 for pulling the obtained film from the vacuum chamber 202. A PECVD method is more thoroughly described in US patent No. 5224441, which is hereby incorporated into the specification by reference.

*At page 10, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11, with the following:*

The outer side of the outer carbon-containing silicone oxide layer 17 is coated with an outer layer of heat-sealable thermoplastics 19 of, for example LDPE. The layer 19 is heat-sealable at the temperature among 121°C-260°C with the thermoplastics outer layer ~~23~~ 13 of laminate ~~20a~~ 10a and is bonded to the substrate or carrier layer ~~25~~ 15 with the aid of an intermediate adhesive or adhesive polymer ~~28~~ 18.

*At page 12, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22, with the following:*

Fig. 8 shows a further embodiment of a packaging laminate according to the invention for producing a package of the bag type, without a paper or paperboard core layer, possessing superior oxygen gas and aroma barrier. The packaging laminate 40 comprises a substrate 46 and an intermediate adhesive layer 45. The packaging laminate 40 comprises a first

prefabricated laminate unit or flexible plastic film 40a and a second prefabricated laminate unit 40b which are permanently bonded to one another by an intermediate adhesive layer 41.

*At page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9, with the following:*

The first laminate unit or plastic film ~~50b~~ 50a consists of a single layer of a flexible heat-sealable thermoplastic, e.g., polyester, polyethylene or polypropylene, that is capable of being heat-sealed at a temperature of 121°C-260°C in a conventional heat-sealing machine.